ABSTRACT

A layered silicate characterized by being ion-exchanged with an organic onium ion at 50-100% of its ion-exchange capacity, and by having a specific surface area of $2.5-100~\text{m}^2/\text{g}$, as well as a resin composition comprising a thermoplastic resin and the aforementioned layered silicate, the resin composition being characterized in that the layered silicate content is 0.01-20~parts by weight as inorganic ash with respect to 100~parts by weight of the thermoplastic resin, and the average number of layers of the layered silicate in the thermoplastic resin is 2-8~layers. Also, a film which comprises the resin composition.